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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 15, 2007, please consider the following remarks.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a), the undersigned attorney, on behalf of applicant(s), hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to and including February 15, 2008, to file a response to the Office Action of October 15, 2007, which carried an original response date of January 15, 2008.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.